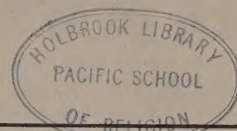


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San Lorenzo Victory

"One of the most unique experiences of my career." That was the statement of Dr. George G. Dowey after the great service in the new church building in San Lorenzo Village on December 21.

The roof was not complete. The great windows in the ends of the building had not been installed. There was no heating. The cold wind blew through the long sanctuary with almost gale force, but 500 people were there for the first service in the building and to launch the financial campaign. Almost every organization in the community was represented and participated in the liturgy. One hundred workers started out to solicit money, and that during Christmas week, probably the most difficult week in the year. On Tuesday night they had brought in cash and pledges amounting to \$32,500 and by Sunday, the 28th, a total of \$33,400. Enough prospects remain to be seen to reach the entire goal of \$40,000. At the workers' report meeting there was a spontaneous and enthusiastic tribute to Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, who has refused to be discouraged by almost insuperable difficulties in the securing of the building and the getting of it moved.

There are still difficulties, but Mr. Schwarz is leading his people in a herculean amount of volunteer labor which yet remains to be done, an elaborate plan of landscaping, the installing of a large reflection pool, the lining of the entire building with acoustical plaster tiling. Wooden floors must be laid and painting done. It is hoped that the building will be ready for occupancy by the end of February.

More than this, a choir of thirty sang "The Messiah" to a packed house in the community center and again to 1000 patients at Fairmount Hospital. The choir spent one evening caroling with the aid of a public address system. There was a midnight candlelight service on Christmas eve at the old church, attended by a capacity congregation. There were Christmas parties and Christmas baskets and the Sunday School gave a Christmas pageant.

Social Action Committee Plans

The Conference Social Action Committee has as one of its major projects for the year the arranging for a visit in the agricultural areas of the San Joaquin Valley by Rev. Shirley E. Greene of the Agricultural Relations Department of the Council for Social Action. Another principal activity of the committee will be in steady opposition to covenants restricting the use and sale of property to different racial groups.

Council of Churches' Dinner

Tickets and announcements have gone to our churches regarding the annual dinner and meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches which will be held in the Oakland Scottish Rite auditorium, Friday, January 23, at 6:15. The price of the tickets will be \$1.85. Our people should not miss this opportunity of hearing Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin of New York.

A CALL TO CHURCHES TO VOTE

A Personal Letter from the Superintendent

To our Churches and Pastors:

Up to now The Pacific has had little to say about the union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The Pacific is a newspaper without an editorial policy, so I am writing as an individual congregational member and minister. However, in this instance I would not hesitate to use whatever modest influence my position as editor and superintendent would have.

I am strongly in favor of the union. To me the arguments against it are specious and the fears that some entertain are without foundation. I think it would be most unfortunate for us to turn down the union or to approve it by a narrow margin. I have come to my present conviction slowly. I too had a good many questions. Most of them have been answered. The others only time can answer.

Many of us frequently make the mistake of trying to fix our ideas and methods upon future generations. Since we have maintained our essential liberties, it is reasonable to assume that our children will do likewise. If they are not to be trusted to maintain their freedoms they will hardly cherish the patterns that we pass on to them. The charge that "sometime in the future agreements of the Basis of Union may be altered" leaves me cold.

May I make a few observations regarding local churches and our Conference as they will be effected by the union?

1. The local church will not lose its name. It may still be a Congregational church.
2. The local church will not surrender the control of its property.
3. The local church will continue to call its own minister, with or without the advice of the Conference Superintendent or any denominational committee.
4. The local church will install its minister or will not install him at its own discretion, just as it does now.
5. The local church will elect its own delegates to the Associations and the Conference just as it does now.
6. The Association will have precisely the same place in our denominational setup that it does now—no

more and no less, although its name may be changed.

7. The Conference will have precisely the same place in our fellowship that it has now, although its name may be changed. (Our Articles of Incorporation make that possible.)

In Northern California, the E. and R. churches are few in number, but they will add real strength to our united fellowship. They have two churches in San Francisco, which will cause all of us to rejoice, since we Congregationalists are exceedingly weak in this great city.

The E. and R. Church has splendid congregations in San Bruno and Woodland where Congregationalists have no churches at all.

The E. and R. Church in Oakland is in an area where Congregationalism once lost out. It is building a new church in an area in Sacramento which will not be in competition with our existing Congregational churches; the E. and R. church is building in an area in Lodi where competition with our First Church or our Ebenezer Church will be at a minimum; in Petaluma the two churches are already cooperating.

Ministers of the E. and R. churches are active in the State Council of Churches, have served on faculties of our summer conferences, and even on our Conference committees. In some areas there may be difficult problems attending the consummation of the union, but that can hardly be the case here.

As to the charge that the union will supplant Congregationalism with Presbyterianism, I invite you to read the article in the November issue of Advance, on page 5, by Alden S. Moshammer.

The Conference office is prepared to furnish additional copies of the Basis of Union, and sample ballots for the use of the churches in taking their votes have been mailed to pastors or clerks. We can supply them in quantity.

Let our churches give thorough consideration and take a vote of their members reporting the same on special blanks that have been provided, and do it, if at all possible, before April 15. The Associations will vote in the spring.

Yours in the Comradeship of Service,
HARLEY H. GILL

Congregational Churches Share In Student Work

The new Conference Committee on Student Work has had its first meeting. Rev. G. Arthur Casaday was made chairman. The committee had under consideration Christian work now going forward or contemplated on a number of campuses. The large attendance at all institutions of higher learning occasioned by the return of veterans has given us one of our greatest opportunities. For years we have been sharing with the First Congregational Church of Berkeley in the support of the student work on the campus of the University of California. During the past few years we have been contributing toward an interdenominational program at San Jose State College. Beginning with the opening of the last semester the

same is being done on the Fresno State College campus. For two years we have been helping the Student Christian organization at the College of the Pacific. We are now as a fellowship associated with the Presbyterians at Davis School of Agriculture and at the University of Nevada.

A very important project is calling for help in Stanford Village, where there are 2500 student veterans. With other denominations having one or two full time men in Berkeley, it may be that the time has come for us to take a step forward in that situation.

All of these matters are to be discussed by a committee with Rev. Bryant Drake, the new secretary of the Department of Higher Education, during the Mid-Winter Meetings.

Workshops for Pastors

In addition to the Earl lecturers, Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin of New York and Prof. Nels F. S. Ferre of Andover Newton Theological Seminary, the Pacific School of Religion is presenting a number of leaders for the Pastoral Conference on February 17, 18, and 19. Among them are Seward Hiltner, director of the Department of Pastoral Services of the Federal Council, who will lead a workshop on "Pastoral Counseling." Professor Correll M. Julian will lead another on "The Town and Country Church." Dr. Elbert Conover of the Interdenominational Bureau of Church Architecture will be in charge of another group discussing "Essentials in Leading a Church Building Program." Dr. Donald Gordon Stewart of San Anselmo will be in charge of the workshop on "Christian Education."

Rev. Elmer S. Freeman, the new associate director of the department of Evangelism and Devotional Life of our own General Council will be in charge of a group on "Evangelism."

The Congregational ministers' luncheon, which has come to be a most enjoyable occasion of fellowship, will be held Wednesday noon, February 18.

JUNIOR HI RALLIES

Taking advantage of the visit of Rev. Henry H. Rust, Junior High Secretary of the Division of Christian Education, Rev. William W. Meyer arranged a series of Junior High rallies completely covering the Conference. Not only in Northern California, but nationally, increased interest is being shown by our churches in Junior High work.

Discusses The Merger

Superintendent Harley H. Gill has been invited to discuss the union of the Congregational-Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church over Radio Station KRE on Sunday evening, February 1. It will be the regular broadcast of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, which is from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock. Superintendent Gill's address will begin at 8 o'clock. Congregational people may want to listen-in since the vote on the union is being taken in a number of churches.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 15 — Annual meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Broadmoor Church, San Leandro.
- January 23—Annual meeting and dinner, Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches, at Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland.
- January 23-28—Mid-Winter Meetings, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- February 11—Lent begins.
- February 17-19—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
- February 22—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
- February 29 or March 7—Laymen's School of Churchmanship, First Church, Fresno.
- March 28—Easter.

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PFers At Sacramento

The three day session of the Mid-Winter Pilgrim Fellowship Conference has just been completed at The Pacific goes to press. The meetings were held at the Pioneer Church in Sacramento, with members of the Sierra-Arden Church assisting in entertaining delegates and serving meals. Over 200 young people attended, with a large staff of ministers and lay workers helping in the program. The director of the Conference was Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe of Benicia.

The key-note addresses of the Conference were delivered by Henry Rust, a member of our national Pilgrim Fellowship staff at Boston, on the general theme: "Planning for Peace." These splendid presentations were followed by three sessions of fourteen discussion groups, each with a youth chairman and an adult resource leader, where practical ways of working for world friendship were discussed. As an outcome of these meetings, a plan is being worked out in which Northern California PFers will participate in a project for canning and packing surplus farm products for shipment to Europe and Asia next summer. This project was suggested by Sue Chakmakjian of Pilgrim Church, Fresno, and a special meeting of all the delegates was held for further consideration of the enterprise.

Much credit for the success of the Conference is due to Rev. William W. Meyer and the members of the State Youth Cabinet, who carefully prepared all of the details of the gathering. Rev. Richard Norberg was the capable director of recreation, and Mr. Claude Ward of the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, gave inspiring leadership in music. Business meetings were ably conducted by President Bob Inglis, and the worship services were planned by Louise Mason, with young people from various churches taking part. One of the features of the Conference was the visitation to the capitol building arranged by Charles Ide, assistant minister of the Pioneer Church. The banquet speaker was Dr. Ronald Bridges, and the closing communion service of the Conference was conducted by Rev. Elmo Wolfe and Rev. Eugene Haynes.

The 1947 Midwinter Conference will long be remembered as a well balanced program of worship, study, fellowship, and recreation. All of the delegates are grateful to the Pioneer Church of Sacramento for the gracious hospitality extended to them during their stay in the capitol city.

—S. H. B.

A NEW PROJECT

Last May a letter came to the Conference office from a Negro woman in the Oak Park section of Sacramento asking for advice concerning the starting of a Congregational church. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Director of Extension Work, made an immediate contact with these fine people, and has been working closely with them for the past seven months. A canvass of the Oak Park section was made by a special team of workers, led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson. The survey showed that 25 families were ready to join a Congregational church with 37 additional families promising support, and 24 families not connected with any downtown church. There are also 84 children in the area who do not attend Sunday School.

A Christian fellowship group was organized in October, which holds regular Sunday services in the home of Mrs. Luvater Leftridge, 3201 Sacramento Blvd. The chairman of the group is Mrs. Leona Fisher, a former member of the Henry Ward Beecher Church in New Orleans. There is a Sunday School with an enrollment of 25 meeting at the same location and directed by Mrs. Leola Martin. Curriculum material has been donated by the First Congregational Church of Oakland and fifty Pilgrim Hymnals are being purchased for use in the morning worship services.

The members of the fellowship are looking for a full-time minister, whose salary will be paid by local, state, and national funds. A very splendid group of young Negroes in Sacramento who have not been able to find a church of their liking in the community are interested in this project, which is located two miles from the older Negro section in the downtown part of the city. The colored population of the Oak Park area is growing rapidly and it is hoped that we will have a thriving Congregational church here in the future. An allocation has been granted to our denomination by the Comity Commission of the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches, and permission to go ahead with the work has been given by the Sacramento Council of Churches. Chaplain Spurgeon Mayfield of Oakland and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham have conducted services in Sacramento, and local leaders have been called upon for assistance since the group was started.

LORBER STILL AVAILABLE

Mr. Lloyd L. Lorbeer, who has spoken in a good many of our churches and with great effectiveness, will be living in Berkeley for the rest of his furlough. He will be away from home speaking in other places part of the time, but he will be available for dates now and then in this area. From now on he will make his own schedule. Those desiring him will please contact him directly at 1731 Delaware St., Berkeley 3, (telephone: THornwall 3-8014). It has been a long time since we have had such an opportunity and we should make the best of it.

SCHOOL OF CHURCHMANSHIP

A committee consisting of Mr. Harold T. Avery of Oakland, Mr. Herbert W. Hilker, Mr. J. Wickson Thomas, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, and Superintendent Gill are to plan for two Schools of Churchmanship, one to be held at Pacific School of Religion on February 22, and the other at Fresno, probably on February 29 or March 7. Dr. Stanley U. North of the Board of Home Missions has agreed to be one of the speakers at the Berkeley meeting, stopping en route to Hawaii. The February issue of The Pacific will carry full details.

Jason Noble Pierce Now Minister Emeritus

When the news reached the ministers and churches of our Conference that Rev. Jason Noble Pierce had resigned the pastorate of our mother church it caused regret and concern. Dr. Pierce, through the 15 years of his ministry, has been not only the pastor of a church that holds a unique place in our fellowship, but also a brother beloved to us all. He has given of his interest, his time, and his energy to the Conference, and to scores of our churches. He has contributed to our common work a buoyancy and good fellowship that has enriched all of us. It is a fitting tribute to him as a man and to his ministry that the church has made him minister emeritus.

Jason Pierce has had a long and distinguished career with a number of outstanding pastorates, among them: Oberlin, Ohio, the great Christian Temple at Norfolk, and First Congregational Church at Washington, D. C. where he was the pastor of President Calvin Coolidge. He has served on countless boards and committees, and has never been too busy to spend great amounts of time in personal counseling.

After a severe illness during September he made a valiant effort to carry forward the work of his great church, but in characteristic generosity of spirit offered his resignation that someone better able to meet the physical demands be secured for the task. It is the hope of our Congregational people that he will continue to make his home among us and be able to be of such help as his health will permit. He is and will continue to be deeply beloved by us all.

Going To Mid-Winter

Six persons will probably be in attendance at the Mid-Winter Meetings to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, during the week beginning January 23. Mrs. E. B. Kientz of Stockton will be meeting with the women state presidents, Mrs. Scott Haymond with the Board of Home Missions, and Rev. Vere V. Loper with the Prudential Committee of the American Board. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. William W. Meyer, and Supt. Harley H. Gill will attend meetings of the superintendents and of a number of groups where the interests of Northern California are to be presented. All will be at the sessions of the Missions Council.

ANGELS CAMP. The new building has been named, "Friendship Hall." A walk and ramp have been laid from the church building to the new hall. Rev. Lawrence D. Granger is the pastor.

LIKELY. The interior of the little church has been redecorated and lovely new neon lights installed. The exterior has been covered to simulate a brick wall. Sunday School is conducted every Sunday at 10:30.

FORMER MODERATOR ILL

Just as The Pacific goes to the printers word has come that Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, pastor at San Jose, has been ordered by his doctor to remain in bed for a period of some weeks. His condition, while not serious, demands complete rest. The thoughts and good wishes of all of our people will be with our former moderator.

"The End Of The Year"

Since the books are held open until January 10 to permit churches to send their remittances, no Church-by-Church report is published in the January issue, but a complete report for the entire year of 1947 will appear in the February issue. By that time it is hoped that gifts not only to the apportionment but to the Unit Plan, the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction, the Christmas Fund, and Women's Thank Offering may be set forth. At the time of going to press it is impossible even to estimate whether we will be ahead or behind the 1946 giving.

ALTURAS. Several boxes of goods were sent to Church World Service for overseas relief. New gowns have been secured for the choir. The Christmas Eve candlelight service held at 11 o'clock brought a congregation of about four times that of a year ago, and four times as many received communion. Rev. William Moll Case is the pastor.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. The old church property has been sold and with the proceeds a parsonage is to be purchased. If and when that is accomplished, the church will have a much more adequate and attractive home for the minister which, with the army chapel acquired, will give a plant that is both modern and useable. Rev. George Aki is pastor.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM. Seventeen persons were received into fellowship in November. Substantial contributions have been made in food and money for Church World Service. Mr. Leland Mahood will close his ministry at this church sometime early in the year and is thinking of going east for further study.

SANTA CRUZ. In spite of inclement weather, Christmas services were well attended and the music unusually good. Mr. Lloyd Lorbeer of India was the speaker at the women's meeting on January 5. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

SONOMA. A service of music on Sunday, December 7, commemorated fifty years of the use of the church organ. Mr. Ludwig Altman of San Francisco gave a recital. It was attended by a large congregation. Rev. Joseph O. Todd is pastor.

GOING TO GERMANY

Word comes from Chaplain and Mrs. L. Verdetta Walters, formerly of Martinez, that probably about January 15 they will sail for Europe where Mr. Walters will be stationed in Germany for about a three-year period. He still has his eyes and hopes set on California for service when he returns.

YEAR BOOK BLANKS

Blanks for reports from the churches to the Congregational Year Book have been mailed with a letter setting forth careful instructions. It is sincerely hoped that the blanks will be completed at the earliest possible moment, and in any event in the office by January 20.



PACIFIC SCHOOL

RELIGION

PREPARES for the RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

BERKELEY

CALIFORNIA

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON. The new building is making steady progress. It is attractive in appearance and is more commodious than people had imagined. An additional piece of property is being secured through the gifts of one family of interested people. The church has adopted a goal of doubling everything when it moves into the new building. This church has one of the strongest youth organizations in the Conference known as the "Hilltoppers", but affiliated with Pilgrim Fellowship. It has 72 members and an average attendance of 58. Twelve of them were at the Sacramento Midwinter meeting. Rev. Herbert Dimock is the pastor.

LODI, FIRST. At the December church dinner, Rev. A. R. Boone and his family and all who had united during Mr. Boone's pastorate were honored. A magazine cover tableau featured the entertainment. A filled church saw the annual Christmas pageant and made an offering of \$156.00 for various benevolent objectives. Early in December Mr. Lloyd Lorbeer of India was the guest of this church and Ebenezer Church speaking to a number of church and community groups.

PORTERVILLE. December was a big month, beginning with the annual bazaar and reaching a climax in Christmas services which filled the sanctuary to capacity. Both choirs sang on the third Sunday of Advent. Six children were baptized and nine persons received into membership on Christmas Sunday. The candlelight vespers were very beautiful. The tall spire, which is now white and lighted from below, was visible far over the countryside. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. A teen-age canteen has been formed with the pastor, Mr. C. T. Gustafson, as the head. It meets once a month. A Christmas pageant was given in the theatre and a great community Christmas party was sponsored, which brought out almost the entire population, and gifts were distributed to all the children.

WEAVERVILLE. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham spent several days with Rev. W. F. Keeney in visiting various parts of the county and Mr. Lloyd Lorbeer of India will come sometime during the winter. The minister and Board of Deacons have made nearly 400 calls during the church loyalty campaign. Food and clothing have been collected for overseas relief.

SAN JOSE. Five children were baptized on Christmas Sunday. In the evening the young people conducted Christmas Vespers. White gifts of food, clothing and toys were brought to be distributed in the community. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

SANGER. Mission Festival Sunday brought offerings totaling \$638.91. The annual bazaar brought in over \$350.00. Choir robes have been received and a new Hammond organ installed. Rev. Edward Hildebrand is pastor.

SALIDA. The young men of the church made a silhouette over the entrance of the church of the Wise Men coming into Bethlehem, which was lighted each night during the Christmas season. Mr. Albert F. King is the pastor.

LOOMIS. A unanimous call has been extended to Rev. Hendrik Martynse of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Mr. Martynse had been taking post-graduate work at the Pacific School of Religion. He is a minister of the United Church of Canada. He was born in Holland and trained as an architect, and only in recent years has turned to the ministry and taken the standard training for it. He spent a Sunday with the Loomis church and as soon as their by-laws permitted was called as pastor and hopes to be moved into the parsonage and begin work during the early part of January. He has had outstanding success in rural churches in Canada.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. About 100 young people from Pioneer and Sierra-Arden Churches and from the Woodland and Sacramento Evangelical and Reformed Churches came together to discuss the merger and become better acquainted. Rev. Sidney Buckham of the Conference staff preached on Sunday morning, the 28th. During the last three days of the year the church was thronging with more than 200 Pilgrim Fellowship young people. Twenty-nine persons were received into membership on the first Sunday of January. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. A Christmas nativity pageant, in which almost the entire Church School and many others participated, was presented on Sunday evening, December 21, under the direction of Mrs. Robert Inglis, Miss Alice Sanderson, and Miss Mary Coxhead. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Inglis were both remembered by their church with beautiful Christmas gifts. Seven new members were received the last Sunday of the year.

ORINDA. Four hundred fifty people were present at the Christmas service in the Orinda theatre on Sunday, the 21st, with 75 people participating in the music, pageantry, ushering, and other activities. At long last the building from St. Mary's College campus has been moved and is on the church property and will soon be in use. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA-ARDEN. Public services have been held for a number of Sundays in a new store building. They were well attended in spite of inadequate heating. The campaign for the new church building is nearing completion. Sunday School departments are being opened in homes of new areas. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are the pastors.

AUBURN. More Sunday School rooms are needed and plans are under way to provide them in the church basement. Two members were received at the November communion and several children were baptized. Sidewalks have been put in good shape. Rev. Lucius F. Reed is the pastor.

SARATOGA. Seven members were received and two children were baptized on the first Sunday of December. Christmas season was beautifully observed by church, church school, and many other groups. Rev. Gordon L. King is pastor.

PARLIER. Rev. G. Farajian has arrived from the Near East to take up his duties as pastor. An addition will be built to the parsonage more adequately to house his family.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The Church School presented a pageant, "The Prince of Peace," on Christmas Sunday with the Junior Choir singing and a Speaking Choir giving the scripture readings. Children from the Fannie Wall Home and Children's Guild of the Ladies' Relief Society were guests. Christmas baskets were delivered as usual in the parish. On the Sunday evening following Christmas the young people were entertained at the manse by Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach. On New Year's Eve there was a communion service in the church sanctuary with supper and entertainment in the social hall bringing 1947 to a close.

FAIRFAX. The women's organization by rummage sale and bazaar has raised about \$450. The young people purchased new hymnals with money earned at a music festival. New drapes and carpet have been added in the sanctuary, the walls have been painted, and the floor stained. The Church School attendance is about 110. There are two high school and two junior high groups and a junior choir. Gradually more people are accepting positions of leadership. Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. McDowell of the San Anselmo Theological Seminary are in charge.

PETALUMA. Miss Agnes Wood, missionary in Africa, reports that the new horse, Petaluma, given by this church, seems to be just about perfect for her purposes. About 600 pounds of usable scientific textbooks were gotten together by students of the Petaluma high school and sent through the American Board to Japan. Candles are also being collected for use in the Orient. Rev. Herbert C. Gans is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRE-SIDIO. At 6 o'clock on Christmas morning, for the second year, an original dramatic performance, entitled "The Manger Pilgrimage," was given. Rev. Robert W. Moon preached a series of sermons culminating on Christmas Sunday on the theme, "The Fulness of Jesus in the Fulness of Time."

BERKELEY, CHINESE. It was necessary to secure a community hall to accommodate the crowd attending the annual Christmas party and program. Definite steps are being taken toward the finding of a location for a new building and the financing of it. Dozens of new Chinese families have moved into the community. Dr. Hoh Yam-tong is serving as pastor.

CEDARVILLE AND EAGLEVILLE. Rev. Terence Stoker has left to take up his work representing the Federated Church at Reno as it seeks to reach the students of the University of Nevada. An active search is going on for a new minister for Surprise Valley.

SAN CARLOS. Fifty-six hundred dollars was pledged by people who brought or sent their pledges before any canvass was made for the 1948 budget. More than \$13,000 cash is in the building fund. San Carlos entertained the West Bay Junior High rally. Rev. H. Weldon Batty is pastor.

ADIN. The church has a choir of about 15 high school and college age young people. Christmas was beautifully observed. Mr. Peter F. Gault is acting as pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Again a great program in celebration of the Christmas Season was presented by this church. The auditorium was filled for the midnight candlelight and musical service on Christmas Eve. In a recent sermon Rev. Vere V. Loper pointed out that when all gifts of the church were taken into account, about one-third of the entire income of the church goes for causes outside of the local church. Various committees are studying possible and advisable provisions for the staff of workers following the moving of Rev. J. Ford Forsyth to Great Falls, Montana.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. The recital given by Miss Carol Brice in the Oakland Auditorium sponsored by this church was a great success, not only in giving the people of the community an introduction to the work of this unique church but in netting close to \$1000.00. Miss Brice is to be heard with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra in January. A beautiful and bounteous Christmas was provided by the church and its friends for the children of the community. Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr., and Rev. Buell G. Gallagher are pastors.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Activities in all departments are being maintained under the direction of Rev. James H. Woodruff, associate pastor, Mr. J. W. Payne, extension director, and various officers and committees. The pulpit has been cared for by Rev. M. J. Minkler, moderator of the church, and Rev. John Wells Rahill, recently from Port Huron, Michigan. A pastoral committee has been elected.

SAN MATEO. The Every Member Canvass resulted in pledges fully covering the budget for the new year. The choir of this church with that of the Burlingame Methodist Church gave "The Messiah" on Christmas Sunday evening. Mrs. Eva B. Maxwell, education director, Rev. Benton G. Gaskell, pastor, and a goodly group of young people attended the Pilgrim Fellowship Conference in Sacramento.

ALAMEDA. Superintendent Harley H. Gill presented the matter of the union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church on the first Sunday in January. Rev. Ralph V. Conard, pastor, attended the meeting of the state chairmen for the Pacific Slope area of the Postwar Emergency campaign, the meeting being held in Salt Lake City. During December, eight new members were received and four children were baptized.

FERNDALE. The church won first prize given by the Chamber of Commerce for an outdoor nativity scene. Friends of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Hudson from several points in the county attended the Christmas morning service. Miss Agnes Smith, a long time member of the church and friend of the Conference, passed away quietly and suddenly just a day or so after Christmas, which she had filled with deeds of thoughtfulness to others.

ANTIOCH. The financial canvass has been better organized than in former years. The pews which were ordered some time ago have not yet arrived. Part of the roof is being reshingled, and plans are under way for improving the worshipfulness of the sanctuary. Rev. Stanley Marple is pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Annual Meeting Coming

Twenty-fourth annual meeting to be held at Broadmoor Church, San Leandro, Thursday, January 15, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Federation President, presiding. Organist for the day, Mrs. Helen Buey.

Starts at 10:00 a.m.

Theme for day: "The Greatest of These is to Care."

The morning will be mostly taken up by business, nominations, and elections. Following election will be installation of new officers.

The speaker of the morning is Mrs. Gail Cleland on "One Dependent Woman in Korea."

Mrs. J. H. McCartney will preside at luncheon. Speaker at luncheon will be Mrs. Victor Jensen, who is head of the E & R women of Northern California. She will give a fifteen minute review of the E & R women's work in Northern California.

The afternoon session begins at 1:30.

The first speaker will be Phyllis Johnson of Piedmont, one of the delegates to the Oslo Conference last summer, on the theme, "I Went to Oslo."

Report of Association presidents.

Main speaker will be Dr. Bernice Baxter from the Oakland Board of Education, who went to Europe on women's work throughout the world. She will speak on "Opportunities for International Cooperation."

Following that there will be a worship service led by Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop.

Price of luncheon, \$1.00. Reservations close on Monday, January 12. Reservations to be sent to Mrs. Frank Bagnall, 510 Victoria Court, San Leandro, (telephone: SWEETWOOD 8-7382).

Remember the date—Thursday, January 15,

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The following is list of Conference committees serving for the current year which was omitted from the December issue for lack of space:

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A WORLD CHURCH

"Critics of the Churches delight to fasten on their weakness the blame for the tragic moral and spiritual deficit in contemporary civilization. The truth is, however, the cause and effect relationship has been mainly the other way round. The dominant attitude of our time has bypassed the Churches so that they were largely impotent to generate adequate moral and spiritual vitality within culture, and now may be incapable of overtaking the gigantic accumulated deficiencies. The fact is—and we all know it—that for fifty years or more, generally speaking, we have neglected, when we have not scorned the Churches. We have underrated when we have not denied the value we expect from religion. We have poured hundreds of millions into every other type of world cultural influence, scientific, educational, political, and piddling dribbles into the institutions which exist to create what we now so desperately lack. We have set our hearts and our energies on goods and goals directly opposed to those which religion told us were basically indispensable, and now we bemoan religion's failure to provide what we then disdained and derided. As a society, we are pitifully like the individual who violates every known law of health established by centuries of experience and now condemns the physicians who warned but could not halt it. We cry to those same physicians to cure the resultant disease, advanced almost beyond remedy. Here may be placed the familiar epitaph which has been spoken over so many fatalities of our era: "Too little and too late."

And on the other side of the ledger, to an age destined to survive as one world or to expire, Christianity brings a world Church with all its limitations and its inadequacies, and they are very great. The Christian Church, Catholic and Protestant, is today the only agency spread widely across the entire earth and disseminating through the whole body of humanity influences for the righting of its wrongs, the healing of its sorest maladies, the bridging of its deepest divisions, perhaps even the halting of its fatalistic descent toward further conflict and chaos.

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Arise, O Pilgrims of Today,
Enlist and gird you for the fray;
A great adventure must be made,
We launch with hope the new crusade.

We must be worthy of our sires,
Who boldly kindled freedom's fires,
Which through the dark and fearful
some night
Relieved the freedman's sorry plight.

Their shocking dreams, at first decried,
A century has justified;
While to themselves they dared be true,
They builded better than they knew.

Again we will to pioneer,
We face the future without fear;
'Tis always safe to choose the right
Pursuant to the Master Light.

—Henry Stauffer,
Berkeley, California

Ministers' Wives' Meet

The luncheon for the wives of Congregational ministers will be held during the Pastoral Conference at the home of Mrs. Ralph Hyslop, 1023 Oxford, at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 18. The Women's Auxiliary of North Church will serve the luncheon. All Congregational ministers' wives attending the conference are invited. Please make your reservations by phone or postcard not later than February 16 with Mrs. L. W. Taylor, 904 Keeler, Berkeley, (phone: ASHberry 3-1095).

BAY ANNUAL MEETING

According to Mrs. R. A. Fuller, the moderator, the annual meeting of the Bay Association will in all probability be held at the Alameda church on Tuesday, March 2. It will be a dinner meeting followed by business and program. Dr. Gail Cleland, recently returned from Korea, has consented to be the speaker. Further announcements will be given in the February issue.

in salvaging our imperiled civilization, who dares prophesy? But this much we know, if it should succeed, it will be only because at long last Christianity has become a world reality; the only world reality this planet has known."

—Dr. Henry Pitt Van Dusen,
President of Union
Theological Seminary

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LIVE!

To really live is more than breathing,
eating, walking, sleeping, making a
living, and having a good time.

To live is to make one's self felt. To
have the joy of seeing that one
counts for good; of knowing that
one has brought joy and better living
to others.

That is why we give ourselves to the
cause of the church. We have found
it to be a means—the best means—
to those high ends.

But we need not cease to live when
the event that we call death inter-
venes. Through the substance that
we cannot take with us, the things
that make for the life abundant may
go on.

The fellowship of churches with a
vision covering a large area and able
to adjust its program to changing
needs offers a uniquely effective
channel whereby one's influence for
good may go on down through the
years.

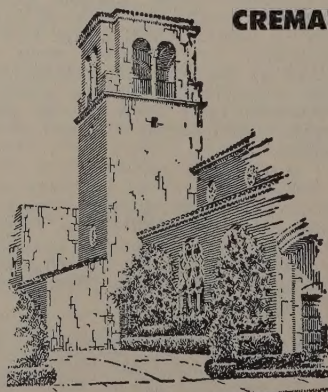
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